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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/051,723  
Applicant(s) : Isao Noda et al.  
Filed : January 17, 2002  
Title : Fibers Comprising Polyhydroxyalkanoate  
Copolymer/Polylactic Acid Polymer Or Copolymer Blends  
TC/A.U. : 1713  
Examiner : Patricia A. Short  
Conf. No. : 8629  
Docket No. : 8487M  
Customer No. : 27752

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450


Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated August 8, 2003, for one month, from November 8, 2003 to December 8, 2003. The Director is hereby authorized to charge \$110 for the extension, plus any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 16-2480.

A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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December 8, 2003  
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